

HOW IT HAPPENED

YOU see, it was this way. There was a damsel who was nothing if not original, and after she'd taken a couple of thinks she got up a fireworks party for the night of the Fourth. Her old man had a house with a dandy big lawn. Every fellow was supposed to bring a girl and a bundle of fireworks.



HE WAS TAKING A LONG ROUTE.

Of course I'm for anything original, so I attended in a body. I gathered in a little fairy that I'd been tagging around for some time and a bundle of condensed noise, and we two stepped over to the party.

We were pretty nearly there when we met up with the brother of the girl who gave the party. He was trying to get home, but he was taking such a long route, going from one side of the walk to the other, that I was afraid he would not show up before midnight. He had a package of squibs under his arm and several other packages tucked away out of sight. He'd been celebrating

and was pipped proper.

I led him off to one corner and told him to go in at the back door and go to bed, but he took a dear old college chum clinch around my neck and began telling me in a megaphone tone how he had always loved me and couldn't think of parting from me. Well, you know the kind. He rebuked me with great dignity about being ashamed of an old friend. At last I got sore and told him to go fall off.

We pulled our freight out of there and left him zigzagging, but he loomed up at the party a little while later and acted scandalously.

About this time we had all begun to get busy with the punk, and then the trouble came my way. We had a bunch of these nice, innocent drainage canal dynamite capsules—these half footers, you know. Well, I sprinkled a few of them through the atmosphere until at last I tapped one that had a phony fuse.

The blamed thing fizzled away and got tired and petered out. Did I chase over to investigate the trouble? Not I. I knew what would happen if I approached that cracker to breathe gently on the fuse. Maybe I hadn't read about those good boys who had tried the stunt and then didn't have enough fingers left to handle their harps properly. Oh, little wise boy!

Maybe I was afraid or maybe I was wise, but I wasn't taking chances.

About this time the lad with the dinky footwork began to clamor about my being a cold footed party. He was good and noisy about it too. He allowed that if I was "shamed of old friend" he'd make me ashamed by doing what I didn't dare.

Maybe he said this in a whisper—I don't guess. You'd have thought he was making an oration. I warned him to keep away, but he ambled merrily out into the street and picked up the uncracked cracker.

Now, if I had done that my friends would have been doing a slow sextet alongside me in a few days, but there's a kind providence on the staff of these tanks. After he had inspected it he lighted a new fuse he had fixed up and ducked before it went off. And me standing there, with those girls giving me the pitying glance! They all do; never take the facts into consideration. That's human nature for you!

Well, Pipesy felt so fine that he began to celebrate good and swift. He just touched off everything at once, thinking he was real cute, and things began zinging in all directions.

The girls and most of the fellows were taking to the trees, pursued by rockets, roman candles and pinwheels. I thought, "Here's where I do a grand stand play and make good," and so I jumped in to stamp out the lighted fuses.

Well, sir, this boy was that far off his dipper that he opened fire on me with a roman candle and scored all over the target. I caught one on the shirt front, one hit my hat, and that's all I kept tab on, 'cause just then one candle ball lighted the fuse of a cannon cracker that was in my pocket. Everything went red, and then somebody turned on the dark.

When I woke up I was tucked away in bed, wrapped in bandages and arnica until I could have got a job at the museum as a genuine Aztec mummy. The doctor said I'd be out in a week or so.—Bud Barclay in Chicago News.

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A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run.—Eliot.

JANE'S 4th OF JULY IDEA



I ALWAYS HAVE WANTED TO VISIT THE MOON. BUT NEVER COULD DO SO I HAD NO BALLOON—SO THIS 4th OF JULY I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY AND I THINK NOW I OUGHT TO ARRIVE THERE QUITE SOON!

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